

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 08/933,709, filed September 19, 1997. Applicants claim priority to this application.

Claims 1-28 have been canceled. New claims 29-43 have been added and are pending in the application. No new matter has been entered. Support for the claims can be found in the specification and drawings as originally filed.

It is respectfully requested that the application be examined at the earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

FULWIDER PATTON LEE & UTECHT, LLP

By: 
Thomas A. Runk
Registration No. 30,679

Howard Hughes Center
6060 Center Drive, Tenth Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Telephone: (310) 824-5555
Facsimile: (310) 824-9696
Customer No. 24201